

Observations of a North Carolinian in the Great West

Is the "Land of the Sky" and Especially Henderson County Inferior to the West.

(Written Especially for the Hustler by Thos. J. Rickman)

All men are born equal, but the opportunity is denied to many a good friend so far as looking over the world is concerned. For the mutual benefit of Hustler readers whose home duties prevented them from packing their grips and "being off" to that region recommended by Horace Greeley to young men, Horace may have been right or he may have been wrong—no doubt his advice was good for some, but which would have proved bad for others.

There are epochs in the lives of all of us, to which we may look back and June, 1916, for more reasons than one may be reckoned as an epochal period. Not alone because this writer packed his grip and boarded the Southern's Carolina Special, by way of Knoxville and Louisville to St. Louis as an initial point. Things were happening down on the great Mississippi river, in the city of St. Louis, as well as in the great Chicago up on Lake Michigan. Our good friend, John B. Sumner and many other men were on their way to the windy city and conversation with any of them was sufficient to let one know that these boys were hot under the collar. Murdock of Kansas, Hiram Johnson of California, Parker of Louisiana, as well as friend John B. and many other Tennessee and Kentucky Moosers, well knew before they got there that Perkins and Teddy had sold them out, lock, stock and barrel, if you will excuse the expression. They made no secret in saying so, but declared they had money enough to foot their own bills and were going to be on the ground and see the stunt gotten off, and now we can all look back and see that the stunt was performed in cockalorum style. In 1912, Theodore and the Moosers did the work for Woodrow and in June, 1916, the G. O. P. crowd again did the work for our same Woodrow. Let the whole country rejoice and be glad for the good work unwittingly done by these two crowds of political wire pullers. It was by reason of their so doing that eight years of peace, prosperity and happiness, has been and will be enjoyed by one hundred million of free American people.

The Democratic job in St. Louis, in June, 1916, was easy, pleasant and was righteously done, following the double-triggered action of the Chicago boys.

Mr. Editor, it is a hundred times more delightful to take note of a Southerner's trip to the great West, in the good old year 1916, since we have learned that the South and West have united and given us that great man, Woodrow Wilson, for President without the aid of Wall street, Tammany Hall, Illinois and other great centers of mammon worshippers. Let the South and West get together for their interests are identical. It is high time that the few money kings and great commercial interests should no longer control the political affairs of forty-eight great American States and 1916 will go down in history as a great event in the governmental doings of the United States.

St. Louis was not only the place of the great Democratic National Convention, in June, 1916, for the great Evangelist Billy Sunday, gave the Democrats to understand that he could breath worked-over oxygen as he termed them. He said he was as fond of good fresh air as any Democrat, but if they could stand carboniferous and microbeous Mississippi River elements, then Sunday and the Lord would see if they could do the same. His congregations were immense.

If you start from New Orleans you must go up the river 1200 miles to reach St. Louis. If you come down from St. Paul you must travel 720 miles. Twenty miles above the Missouri and Mississippi run together and 200 miles below, the Ohio, which is our French Broad, runs into the great father of waters. This city claims over 700,000 population, fronts for 12 miles on the river, is 8 miles wide and is so well above high water mark that there is no danger of being flooded. Purified water from the muddy Mississippi is what the people drink. They have over 400 miles of pipe lines, costing over \$10,000,000, over 400 miles of paved streets, 150 miles of street railway, libraries with more than 1,500,000 volumes; 150 Protestant and 50 Catholic churches, 20 public parks covering 2500 acres of ground, an amphitheater seating 30,000 spectators. In the way of people, they have as many German, Irish, English, Italian and Jews as native population and there are 20 lines of railroad, either crossing the city or centering at the

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Union depot, about 200 passenger trains per day and night, there never being a minute when none is not either coming in or going out and if a Hustler reader could stand in one corner and watch the thousands as they bustle, bustle, jolt and jostle each other, he would forget all about the everlasting bangs and clangs going on around that St. Louis depot.

Most staggering of all though, is that bridge that takes you from the State of Illinois, over that river into the city. It is 1528 feet long three stories, the lower of which is 200 feet above the common water level and is supported by three main arches, each standing on a solid foundation of rock 100 feet below the common level of the soil. Go look on your Henderson county tax books for the total valuation of all property in the county, and then remember that this one bridge alone cost over \$7,000,000. About everything movable on earth passes over it, from a railroad train, almost a mile long, to a woman leading a poodle dog with a blue string around its neck.

A western traveler cannot stay all ways in St. Louis, if he gets anywhere, so we will talk to the reader from Kansas City and other places next week.

COOPERATION.

To the Editor:

During the present session the Hendersonville Graded school has gone forward most agreeably, and, I may add, that this forward impetus is largely due to the hearty and active cooperation of the school's many friends.

Within the school an orchestra has been organized, a new piano has been added to the equipment, and a laboratory and commercial room is now being made ready for use. A large part of the money which is necessary to make these accomplishments possible is, and will be raised by special entertainments. The necessary apparatus for equipping the laboratory room is being paid for by the donations from generous and public spirited citizens of this community.

It is through the big, broad, and kindly cooperative spirit that our basket ball teams are being coached, that a silver cup is being given to the High school as a prize, and that sight singing is being taught. Mr. Geo. F. Wright has offered a silver cup to the class in the high school which makes during the year the highest general average as a class. He has not only donated his money, but Mr. Wright has also given his services to the high school in the capacity of coach of the girl's basket ball team. Mr. Penny, a former Y. M. C. A. basket ball player, has agreed to give three afternoons each week for the purpose of training the boys how to play basket ball. In addition, the school is favored by having Mrs. Michael Schenck devote two periods a week to the teaching of sight singing. It is with grateful appreciation that we receive these services so generously given.

However, the greatest cooperative force—the one upon which the school's future growth depends—is the Parent-Teachers association, organized the thirteenth of November. This body is now engaged in organizing and learning facts of interest to the school community. But later there will be a fruitage in mighty and constructive activities. C. E. BLACKSTOCK, Hendersonville, Nov. 15, 1916.

ZIRCONIA NEWS OF A WEEK'S CATHERING.

(Special to The Hustler.) Zirconia, Nov. 15.—The people of this section are almost through gathering in their fall crops. Every body seems very much lifted up because of the turn out of their crops. The corn crops have yielded more than was expected. The farmers ought to be very thankful that the flood of July did not injure them any more than it did.

The Baptizing at Mt. Olivet last Saturday was very well attended. Nine were added to the Church.

Mrs. J. C. Tankersly has been on the sick list for the past week.

K. M. Osteen butchered a nice pig last week. It was seven months old and weighed 250 pounds net.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman C. Ward of Flat Rock, spent Saturday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ward.

Mrs. Emma Osteen and Mrs. Duke visited relatives at Mt. Olivet Saturday.

E. A. Ward purchased a fine cow recently.

A special school tax election will be held at Mt. Olivet school house December 9, 1916. This speaks longer and better schools for this section.

For the news read the Hustler.

CHANGE IN RECRUITING SERVICE IS MADE.

The recruiting station at Murphy, conducted by Capt. L. M. Dodameade and three enlisted men of the local coast artillery company, has been discontinued. Sergeant Claude L. English and Private Ned V. Drake have been mustered out of the service and Captain Dodameade and Corporal George W. Belk have been transferred to Raleigh to look after securing recruits there.

There are 70 national bird reservations, of which 67 are in charge of the Department of Agriculture.

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Tried on Bigamy Charge.

A case which attracted much local attention was tried by Judge I. T. Avery on Monday afternoon, in which Jim Poteet figured as the principal character, he being the plaintiff and the charge against him bigamy. He was found guilty and upon failure to produce bond was remanded to jail to await trial in Burke superior court.

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